

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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August 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm Staging your blooms for our new members and a Basket demonstration by Marge Schnerr
2:00 pm Regular Meeting
Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, 985 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury

President's Message:

We have had very hot and humid weather and the dahlias love this, however the rest of us do not like it. Most of you should have received enough rain to produce a substantial amount of entries for our early show.

We will ask our new members to bring in some of their blooms so that they can practice setting them up for exhibit and also placing an entry tag on them. We will show some examples of systems to transport them in as well.

Marge Schnerr
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New Members Bloom Staging:

We ask that you bring your blooms in with one pair of leaves and disbudded. Bring along your favorite knife that you use to cut them with and the name of the varieties.

A Message from our Show Chairman

This month we hold our 60th Anniversary Show on Saturday, **August 25** in the Pond House at Elizabeth Park. We expect it to be our best show ever with 3 special awards, spectacular commemorative ribbons and lots of deserving exhibitors to

win them. The annual CDS show is our opportunity to showcase and promote dahlia growing in Connecticut. Last year saw record numbers of visitors and I would expect the same this year.

In addition to our regular entries we have 3 special award categories:

- 60th Anniversary CDS Bloom – “Gloriosa”
- Special Challenge Bloom – “Woodland’s Wildthing”
- The William Neckerman Classic – “April Dawn”, (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)

Entry rules can be found in the Show Schedule available at the show or at our website, <http://www.ctdahlia.org>.

We encourage everyone to bring something to the show. We even have a special show class (novice) for new exhibitors so don't feel intimidated. If you have never exhibited and feel that you would like help setting up that day let me know ahead of time and I'll make sure someone will be there to help you. Join the fun and plan to bring a bloom or two or to the show.

Show set-up will be on Friday, August 25th starting at around 1 PM. Volunteers are always needed to help set up the show hall on Friday and again Saturday

afternoon to tear down. Volunteers do not need to be dahlia growers however some of the work does require some lifting. The show is really made up of many smaller tasks that a couple of people can work on as a team. Please help if you can...the more volunteers, the faster the jobs are accomplished. For the newer members, we always have things you can do to help, and all CDS members have the opportunity to participate in judging at the show as either clerks or Student Judges. This is a great way to learn about showing dahlias, how they are judged, and allows you to see all the dahlias without having to wait for the public showing at 1:30. Please contact the Show Chairman if you plan to help either day.

Jesse Peterson, Show Chairman
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Elizabeth Park Dahlia Display Garden Update

After a slow start the park display garden has begun to take off. I witnessed our first bloom (Camano Concord) of the season there this week. Many more will follow in the coming weeks.

We had a very successful volunteers meeting on June 25th. Several that attended the meeting have volunteered to help in the garden. This much needed help will keep the garden looking it's best as we get into the bloom season.

We invite all members to become involved in the garden as it promotes the dahlia and all its beauty.
Jesse Peterson

Calling All Clerks!

The CT Dahlia Society is looking for volunteers to work as clerks at our show August 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow dahlia enthusiasts, see the very best of the varieties being grown today and learn

more about exhibiting your beautiful blooms! No experience needed. You will be traveling with a judging team and will be recording and marking the winning blooms, as per the judges' instructions. In the process, you will be learning about the dahlias chosen and helping CDS. Once the judging is over, you will receive a voucher for lunch, and have a chance to enjoy the show!

If you've always wanted to get involved, this is a wonderful way to start, and is a one-time commitment.

Please contact our coordinator, Sal Corio (srcorio@hotmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

2018 Meeting Dates:

Aug. 25	CDS 60th Anniversary, Show, Pond House
October 14	2:00 pm Regular Meeting & October Bloom Contest
Nov. 11	2:00 Regular Meeting
Dec. 9	Holiday Party 1:00 pm

2018 NADC Show Dates:

August 18	Washington County Fair, Show hosted by the RIDS
August 25	60th Anniversary Show of the CT Dahlia Society, Pond House
Sept. 1 & 2	Long Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 8 & 9	Rhode Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 8 & 9	New Jersey Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 15 & 16	Mid Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 23 & 24	ADS Show- Philadelphia
Sept. 29 & 30	Greenwich Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 29 & 30	New England Dahlia Soc.
Oct. 6 & 7	LIDS 2 nd . Show

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